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d) folding and bonding the wings laterally relative to the longitudinal heat-seal and, after filling the pouch, simultaneously with the bonding of the wings, heat-sealing an upper open mouth of the pouch.

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13. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an inherently stable container made of flexible material, comprising the steps of:

- a) folding a continuous film of flexible material of appropriate width, to obtain a pouch by way of a longitudinal heat-seal and by way of evenly spaced transverse heat-seals, followed by transversely cropping the folded film;
  - b) heat-sealing two triangles having wings into sides of the pouch lateral to the longitudinal heat-seal;
  - c) punch opening said pouch, and optionally filling the pouch with a product;
  - d) folding and bonding the wings onto the triangles.
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#### REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 5-13 as anticipated by the Schneider '636 reference.

#### The Schneider Reference

The Schneider '636 reference discloses a package in which protrusions 37 are formed at the bottom edge of the package along the same seam line as the longitudinal seal/seam 20 which forms the enclosed package. These protrusions 37 at the bottom of the package are formed directly into the line of the longitudinal heat sealed seam 20 and also into the seal 17 itself at the bottom of the package. This forming of protrusions 37 causes the seal 17 to first fold sideways and then, with the 180 degree folding/flipping of the protrusions 37 underneath the package, to cause both the protrusions 37 and the outward edges of the seal 17 to fold onto itself forming the bottom of the Schneider package. This folding directly "into" longitudinal seam 20 and then "underneath" the bottom of the package, requires Schneider to take the extra step of having to "flatten" the folded under protrusions 37 against the already formed sealed edges 17 which have been bent 90 degrees sideways. This results in a very awkwardly formed and disjointed package with extra material on the bottom of the package and a weakening of the longitudinal seam 20 during the process.